

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 196

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patricia Rose Rector upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Park View Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Rose Rector is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rector has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Park View Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rector received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Early Childhood Education from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rector has spent her entire exemplary career at Park View Elementary for a remarkable total of thirty-one years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, an able leader and a consummate professional, Ms. Rector has been an active participant in numerous activities such as the Adopt-A-School Committee and the Tennessee School Improvement Committee; she has served as Coordinator of the Senior Reception, a Grade Level Chairperson, and a Faculty Representative; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Putnam County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association, Ms. Rector was also named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 2000; and

WHEREAS, beyond her work with Park View Elementary, Ms. Rector finds time to be actively involved in her community; she is a supporter of the Relay for Life Cancer Drive and a member of the PTA and PTO; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rector has been a faithful and devout member of the Dodson Branch Freewill Baptist Church since 1965; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rector is grateful for the love and support she has received from her family and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rose Rector truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Patricia Rose Rector upon being chosen as Park View Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.